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MEMORANDUM TO: OPERATIONS DIVISION, DPS/DCI

SUBJECT : PE/Med. UMD for []

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1. The Medical/P. E. staff at [] at present is as follows:

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a. Flight Surgeon - []

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b. P. E. Specialist

c. P. E. Specialist

2. The U. M. D. outlines positions for one (1) Flight Surgeon, one (1) Aviation Physiologist, and two (2) Personal Equipment Technicians. U. M. D. shortage to date is one (1) Aviation Physiologist.

3. The Flight Surgeon for this detachment is scheduled for project release o/a 15 September 1958. One Personal Equipment Specialist is due for reassignment to A. F. o/a 1 September 1958. The loss of these personnel will create a shortage of two (2) officers and one (1) P. E. technician by 15 September with an in-place Med/P. E. staff of one (1) Personal Equipment Technician.

4. Efforts to secure a replacement for the Flight Surgeon by 15 September have been delayed due to a physical disability detected in the selected replacement. Though new efforts are in progress to select a replacement, it is unlikely that clearances and necessary travel can be accomplished to realize a [] reporting date prior to 15 October 58. 25X1 A physiologist is being project cleared to fill the vacancy in that position. His reporting date at [] will be o/a 1 October 58. Due to the technical peculiarities of our personal equipment and procedures, full effectiveness on his part cannot be expected during the first 15 days of his duty there. A replacement for the outgoing personal equipment specialist will also be needed. Though we may draw from the personal equipment specialist overage at [], it is still felt that a new man should be selected from A. F. to fill the [] vacancy. The overage at [] has in the past been 25X1 an asset in operations from Alaska and a reliable standby for any situation, necessitating ready availability of a P. E. Technician.

5. [] Med/P. E. UMD requirements as outlined in Para 2 must be maintained whenever possible. A temporary personnel shortage situation as anticipated in September will require minimum strength operation for as short a period as can be controlled. For routine operation, [] could 25X1 operate with the minimum PE staff of 1 fully qualified project physiologist and 1 personal equipment specialist.

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6. It may be necessary to assign the [] physiologist to [] at the time of release of the Flight Surgeon. Headquarters physiologist could then cover (on call) the physiologist position at []. The personal equipment specialists at [] are sufficiently qualified to perform several weeks of routine operations without supervision from a physiologist.

7. Summarizing: Effective 15 September, [] Med/PE staff will be reduced to 1 personal equipment technician. It is necessary to supplement this technician with a fully qualified aviation physiologist for the period 15 September until the section is restaffed (approximately 15 to 45 days commencing 15 September). The physiologist can be secured from [].

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Captain, USAF

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